GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:33
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DEVELOPMENT OF UNPROFITABLE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is contemplating to develop some of the unprofitable airports in the country;

(b) If so, the details of these airports; and

(c) The details of the plan formulated in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.33 for 23.11.2006 regarding Development of Unprofitable Airports .

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Development, improvement and modification of infrastructural facilities at unprofitable airports owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) have been taken up considering the projected traffic demand and request from airline operators, State Governments and other agencies.

Strengthening and extension of runway, construction of new integrated terminal complex, strengthening and expansion of apron, new link taxiways, expansion and modification of terminal building etc. have been taken up at airports at Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu; Amritsar and Pathankot in Punjab; Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Surat, Vadodara, Bhuj and Porbandar in Gujarat; Khajuraho, Bhopal, and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh; Nagpur in Maharashtra; Mangalore and Mysore in Karnataka; Dehradun in Uttaranchal; Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir; in Chandigarh;

Gaya in Bihar; Silchar, Lilabari and Dibrugarh in Assam;

Jaipur, Udaipur, Jaiselmer and Jodhpur in Rajasthan; Lucknow and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh; Agatti in Lakshadweep Islands;

Raipur in Chhattisgarh; Ranchi in Jharkhand;

Port Blair in Andaman & Nicobar; Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

Agartala in Tripura; and Kangra and Kullu in Himachal Pradesh .